Loxahatchee Groves
Regular Town Council Meeting
June 2, 2009

Location: LGWCD

Members Present:

Dennis Lipp, Vice-Mayor

Dr. J. William Louda, Council Member

Ron Jarriel, Council Member

Ryan Liang, Council Member

Members Absent:

Dave Browning, Mayor

Others Attending:

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum, Interim Town Manager (NCS)

Matthew Lippman, Interim Town Clerk (NCS)

Michael D. Cirullo, Jr., Town Attorney (Goren, Cherof, Doody, & Ezrol, P.A.)

Lynnette R. Ballard, LGWCD Administrative Secretary

Members of the Public

Others Absent:

Michelle Kantor, Interim Assistant Town Clerk (NCS)

1. – 4. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

- Vice-Mayor Dennis Lipp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call by Town Clerk Matthew Lippman
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation by Vice-Mayor Dennis Lipp

5. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>

Councilman Louda made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilman Liang seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. PBSO Contract for Police Services 2009-2010

Councilman Liang stated he would like to re-evaluate the PBSO Contract for Police Services 2009-2010. Town Clerk Matthew Lippman recommended, since there is a desire to discuss this item further, this item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Councilman Louda made a motion to move Item #6 (PBSO Contract for Police Services 2009-2010) from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. Councilman Jarriel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. PBSO Contract for Police Services 2009-2010

Town Clerk Matthew Lippman explained the first contract between the Town and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was established in October 2007, with a First Addendum effective October 1, 2008 by which the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) agreed to perform law enforcement services for the Town. The parties wish to renew this Agreement for a term beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010. The total cost of personnel and equipment shall be \$272,064.00.

Councilman Liang stated he would like to find out about the possibility of obtaining additional deputies throughout the community.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated in the past the Town has requested special traffic enforcement on a per-hour basis.

Councilman Jarriel stated he would like to see the Town acquire a day-time deputy, five days per week, for the Loxahatchee Groves community.

Town Clerk Lippman stated Captain Calloway of PBSO contacted him after the contract was implemented. The Captain stated there are numerous things that PBSO does that landowners do not know, and are not supposed to know. Mr. Lippman stated if the Town Council so desires, he could schedule a meeting with Captain Calloway to address the Council's concerns before the new lieutenant takes over. Mr. Lippman noted that, should the Town Council approve the PBSO contract this evening, the Council could always reevaluate the contract at any point in time.

Councilman Jarriel asked how the contract price for FY 2009-2010 compares with last year's contract price. Town Clerk Lippman replied that the Town is currently paying \$21,500.00 per month, and the new contract would require a monthly payment of \$22,672.00 per month, an increase of 6-7 percent.

Councilman Louda made a motion to approve the PBSO Contract for Polices Services 2009-2010 at the rate of \$272,064.00. Councilman Jarriel seconded the motion.

Councilman Jarriel stated he thinks PBSO could have offered the Town a better rate than the 6-7 percent increase.

Elise Ryan, 3508 "A" Road asked Town Clerk Lippman to clarify that, if the PBSO contract is approved at tonight's meeting, the Town could contact PBSO at a later date for additional services. Mr. Lippman replied in the affirmative. Ms. Ryan stated if there is money in the Town's budget to add extra patrols during the daytime, perhaps the Town could consider including that item in future budget preparation. Ms. Ryan commented about illegal dumping throughout the community, and stated it would be a great help if the offenders could be identified.

Town Clerk Lippman stated he would revise the Town's budget accordingly, and would present those figures at the next Town Council meeting. He stated he would contact Captain Calloway at PBSO to express the Town's concerns and let him know the Town is considering the increase of law enforcement coverage.

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

7. <u>Presentation</u>: Kilday & Associates (Bill Day Property)

Town Clerk Lippman stated the Town Council received a letter from Urban Design Kilday Studios (Mr. Kerry Kilday), the planning firm that represents Bill Day, the owner of property located on the southwest corner of Folsom Road and Okeechobee Boulevard (12900 Okeechobee Boulevard). Mr. Kilday has requested to appear before the Town Council to present his vision for development of this property. Mr. Lippman stated there is currently no application pending and nothing has been submitted to the County or to the Town as of this date. Mr. Lippman introduced Kerry Kilday.

Kerry Kilday introduced himself and stated he represents the planning firm of Urban Design Kilday Studios in West Palm Beach. Mr. Kilday stated the property consists of 9.3 acres and was initially a citrus grove. There is currently a single-family residence in the center of the lot, together with a few trees. This property abuts directly up to the Red Barn facility, which was initially owned by Mr. Day. However, he is no longer an owner or has any

interest in the Red Barn property. After much thought and discussion, Mr. Day authorized the development of low intensity professional and medical office use consistent with the Town's CL-O land use category. The architectural design of the one-story offices will reflect the rural character of

Loxahatchee Groves. The rural design guidelines and standards on the property would allow for an FAR-employer ratio of .2, which would allow up to 76,000 square feet to be built.

Because this property is one of the primary entrances to the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, the design of the property would allow the construction of an entry feature welcoming the public to the Town.

Mr. Kilday presented to the Town Council an aerial map, conceptual site plan, and perspective views for development of this property. He stated he is hoping to receive feedback from the Town Council regarding the design and land use of the property. He stated his firm conducted a fiscal impact study on the tax ramifications, and the average square footage of professional office-type buildings. He stated the total market value of the existing property is \$1,152,856.00, and the total market value of the proposed property would be \$8,905.534.00. In addition, the taxes would increase from \$1,729.28 to approximately \$13,358.30, approximately an eight-fold increase.

Councilman Louda asked, with regard to the Town's CL-O and if the Town Council approves this particular project, what else could be developed on this property in the future besides the proposed medical-office building. Mr. Lippman replied that if this property is sold in the future, the new owner would have to obtain approval from the Town Council if they decide to change the zoning/land use.

Councilman Liang had no comments.

Councilman Jarriel stated there are currently various businesses located on this property and he would like to see something built that would generate tax revenue to the Town. He stated he has no problem with businesses being located on that corner. The tax revenue that could be obtained from the proposed project is important to the Town. He expressed his concern about ingress and egress to the property, and stated the safety factor must be included not only in this development, but in all development.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated there are currently thousands of square feet of medical office space, and expressed his concern that the proposed project would provide approximately 150,000 square feet of medical office space in the Loxahatchee Groves community. Mr. Kilday replied this project would be a professional office building and would not be restricted to medical offices.

Councilman Liang stated perhaps the Town Council could consider a multiuse development, with the first floor containing office/retail space, and the second floor containing low-income housing/apartments.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated his concern that if this project is constructed, there will be an increase in commercial development along Okeechobee Boulevard. He stated the Town Council needs to consider potential design options.

Councilman Louda suggested the construction of a courtyard in the center of the proposed project.

Mr. Kilday completed his presentation and thanked the Town Council for allowing him to speak before them. He stated he will closely follow the Town's land development regulations and will stain in contact with the Town regarding this project.

Nancy Fried-Tobin, 2141 "B" Road stated the Town Council should consider traffic impacts along Okeechobee Boulevard before they consider development options along Okeechobee Boulevard.

<u>Bill Gurney, 1453 "E" Road</u> stated the Town Council should consider the type of development it will allow along Okeechobee Boulevard. Once that is established, certain project requests to the Town would be eliminated, and other projects would have to consider being developed along Southern Boulevard rather than Okeechobee Boulevard.

Vice-Mayor Lipp suggested a workshop meeting be scheduled to discuss development options along Okeechobee Boulevard.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to place this item on the next Town Council meeting agenda for discussion and to establish a workshop meeting date to discuss potential development along Okeechobee Boulevard.

8. Independent Contractor Agreement with The Mellgren Planning Group

Town Clerk Lippman stated the Town has retained the services of The Mellgren Planning Group to revise and re-draft the Town's Land Development Regulations.

Town Clerk Lippman requested a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between the Town and The Mellgren Planning Group for the revision and drafting of the Town's Land Development Regulations.

There were no comments by the public on this item.

Councilman Louda made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between the Town and The Mellgren Planning Group for the revision and drafting of the Town's Land Development Regulations. Councilman Liang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

9. <u>Land Development Regulations Timeline</u>

Town Clerk Lippman stated the Town has retained the services of The Mellgren Planning Group to revise and re-draft the Town's Land Development Regulations. He noted the following suggested timeline for tours and workshops:

First Tour of the Town: Week of June 8, 2009 (Vice-Mayor Lipp)

First Public Workshop: Saturday, June 27, 2009 (Introduction/Overview)

Second Tour of the Town: Week of July 7, 2009 (Mayor Browning)

Second Public Workshop: Saturday, July 25, 2009

Third Public Workshop: Saturday, September 12, 2009

Fourth Public Workshop: Date To Be Determined

Town Clerk Lippman noted there may need to be special meetings called during which the Town Manager and Town Council will discuss and vote on changes and revisions to get a better focus throughout the process. He indicated The Mellgren Planning Group would not be required to attend these special meetings.

Town Clerk Lippman stated the goal is to have the first meeting of the Ordinance in December 2009. However, The Mellgren Planning Group has indicated they may need an extension of time until January 2010. Mr. Lippman stated this is just the beginning, not the end. He noted Article 4 of the Land Development Regulations might pose a challenge. Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Mr. Lippman to clarify Article 4. Mr. Lippman stated Article 4 is the article regarding land use regulations which determines what uses are permitted in certain zoning districts, and what can/cannot be done. The Town has approximately six months to complete this process.

Councilman Jarriel stated he is eager to get this process started.

Councilman Louda stated he is also eager to get this process started.

Town Clerk Lippman stated any special meetings regarding this issue would be held at Palms West Hospital.

Councilman Louda stated The Mellgren Planning Group should be present at the special meetings. Mr. Lippman replied The Mellgren Planning Group has committed to perform the work for a certain amount of money, and he needs to confirm whether the contract allows for their attendance at special meetings without the Town incurring additional costs.

Jeff Katims, Senior Associate of The Mellgren Planning Group, agreed with Town Clerk Lippman. He stated his firm will work with the Town to be sure any potential issues are resolved.

Town Clerk Lippman stated these workshop meetings will be an excellent opportunity for the public to converse directly with the consultant, the Town Manager, and the Town Clerk. He stated he will make sure the public is involved in this process.

Councilman Jarriel asked how much longer the town management contract with NCS will be effective. Town Clerk Lippman replied the contract expires at the end of August, 2009. Mr. Lippman stated that, in an effort to ensure this process is started before NCS leaves the Town, he intentionally scheduled two of the workshop meetings prior to August 2009.

Councilman Louda asked Town Clerk Lippman to confirm that NCS would continue to manage the Town in the event another management firm is not engaged prior to the departure of NCS. Mr. Lippman replied in the affirmative, and stated NCS could offer support for the Town on a contractual basis in the event the Town has not engaged a management firm at that time.

Councilman Liang stated attendance by the public at previous Town workshop meetings has been very low. He emphasized that this particular issue is extremely important to the Town, and strongly encouraged everyone to attend these workshop meetings. He stated the Town Council needs input and feedback from the public.

There were no comments by the public on this item.

No motion was necessary. No action was taken.

10. Finance Advisory Committee Appointments

Town Clerk Lippman stated at the May 19, 2009 Town Council meeting, the Town Council approved Resolution 2009-008, which created the Finance Advisory Committee. The Town Council members were asked to appoint one individual to serve on the Committee. Town Staff posted a form for any member of the community to complete should they desire to be considered as a member of this Committee. Mr. Lippman stated the Town has received communication from six members of the community expressing interest to serve on the Finance Advisory Committee. Those individuals are as follows (in alphabetical order): (1) Cindy Corum, (2) Lung Chiu, (3) Veronica Close, (4) Elise Ryan, (5) Marge Herzog, and (6) Jim Rockett.

Town Clerk Lippman requested that each Town Council member state the name of the person they would like to appoint to serve on the Committee. He noted that the terms for each of the appointed Committee members will serve concurrently with the Council member that appointed the individual. After those five people are listed by the Council members, there would be a motion to accept the appointment of those individuals to the Committee. Then the Council will need a motion to appoint a Council member to serve as a non-voting liaison to the Town Finance Advisory Committee.

Town Clerk Lippman stated Mayor Browning would like to nominate Marge Herzog to the Finance Advisory Committee.

Councilman Louda nominated Nancy Handwerg even though her name is not on the list. Councilman Louda stated Ms. Handwerg was the recording secretary for the Loxahatchee Groves Neighborhood Plan, and currently serves as a Financial Officer with a local corporation.

Councilman Liang nominated Elise Ryan to the Finance Advisory Committee.

Councilman Jarriel nominated Lung Chiu to the Finance Advisory Committee.

Vice-Mayor Lipp nominated Cindy Corum to the Finance Advisory Committee.

Councilman Louda made a motion to approve and accept the following five individuals for the Finance Advisory Committee: (1) Lung Chiu, (2) Cindy Corum, (3) Nancy Handwerg, (4) Marge Herzog, and (5) Elise Ryan. Councilman Jarriel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Town Clerk Lippman stated he will contact the five members of the Finance Advisory Committee to schedule a meeting to review the beginning of the Town's budget process and get them involved. Vice-Mayor Lipp stated it is very important that the Town Council utilize this group.

Councilman Jarriel made a motion to appoint Councilman Ryan Liang as the non-voting Council member to serve as the liaison between the Town Council and the Finance Advisory Committee. Councilman Louda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Councilman Jarriel stated he is pleased that Jim Rockett and Veronica Close expressed interest in serving on the Finance Advisory Committee. He encouraged the Town Council to consider these two individuals in the event the Town requires alternate representatives on the Committee.

There were no comments by the public on this item.

11. Environmental Regulations Stakeholder Group Appointments

Town Clerk Lippman stated at the May 19, 2009 Town Council meeting, the Town Council voted to appoint five members of the community to serve as members of the Environmental Regulations Stakeholder Group to assist in the re-draft of the Town's environmental regulations. The second draft has been completed and is ready to be presented for feedback and direction from the Town Council.

The members of the community that sent communication to the Town office expressing interest to serve as members of the Environmental Regulations Stakeholder Group (in alphabetical order) are as follows: (1) Nancy Fried-Tobin, (2) Bridgette Gesell, (3) Bill Gurney, (4) Jim Rockett, and (5) Elise Ryan.

Town Clerk Lippman noted that the members of the Stakeholder Group will publicly meet to review, discuss, and revise the second draft of the Environmental Regulations. Any changes will be transmitted to Calvin-Giordano and Associates to incorporate into the final draft which will be presented to the Town Council in the near future.

Town Clerk Lippman requested that each Town Council member state the name of the person they would like to appoint to serve on the Committee. He noted that the terms for each of the appointed Committee members will serve concurrently with the Council member that appointed the individual.

Mr. Lippman stated Mayor Browning would like to nominate Elise Ryan to the Environmental Regulations Stakeholder Group.

Councilman Louda nominated Bill Gurney.

Councilman Liang nominated Bridgette Gesell.

Councilman Jarriel nominated Jim Rockett.

Vice-Mayor Lipp nominated Nancy Fried-Tobin.

Councilman Jarriel made a motion to approve and accept the following five individuals for the Environmental Regulations Stakeholder Group: (1) Nancy Fried-Tobin, (2) Bridgette Gesell, (3) Bill Gurney, (4) Jim Rockett, and (5) Elise Ryan. Councilman Louda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Councilman Louda asked Mr. Lippman to clarify why the Town needs a Finance Advisory Committee and an Environmental Regulations Stakeholder Group.

Town Clerk Lippman explained the Finance Advisory Committee is a committee that was established to consistently advise the Town of financial matters. The Environmental Regulations Stakeholder Group was formed into the public input at the Town Council's last workshop meeting; the Town Council thinks there should be members of the community who are experienced with environmental issues. This group can specifically focus on the draft of the environmental regulations. This group will provide direct feedback and will work together to present a formal document as opposed to going back and forth with the consultant. This group is a one-time group gathering together to provide their input and help write the code, based on what the community wants.

<u>Bill Gurney, 1453 "E" Road</u> stated an excellent resource for this group to contact would be Joanne Davis, with A Thousand Friends of Florida. He stated this organization looks after the environment at the same time and considers the development prospects of any particular area within the State of Florida. He stated perhaps this organization could help the Town Council decide what should be removed from the Town's environmental documents, and what should be saved. He stated Ms. Davis has previously indicated that she would be willing to assist the Town Council with its environmental statutes.

12. RFP 2009-003: Town Management Services

Town Clerk Lippman stated at the May 19, 2009 Town Council meeting, the Town Council directed Town Staff to draft and present a Request for Proposals for Town Management Services. New Community Strategies, the firm currently contracted to provide management services to the Town, has terminated its contract as of August, 2009.

Mr. Lippman stated the RFP was written to solicit proposals to provide management services for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. Town Staff has had discussions with the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District to assist the Town in providing support services. These services would include retaining Michelle Kantor as the Town Clerk, and the accounting department of the LGWCD would take over the financial management of the Town. Mr. Lippman noted that New Community Strategies is making a commitment to provide support services to allow for a smooth transition with any scenario that is approved to fill the needed management positions for the Town.

Town Manager Irving Rosenbaum stated the Town of Loxahatchee Groves is a very unique community—many residents participate in the community, and there is a lot going on in the community. A combination of strategies would serve Loxahatchee Groves best. It is a policy decision of the Town Council to determine how they want to deliver services, who they want to deliver services, and how close they want to be with the Water Control District. The Water Control District has numerous resources, and one of the first decisions the Town Council needs to make is whether they want to work with the District for support services. He stated Michelle Kantor, Assistant Town Clerk, would be a great resource for the transition. She has been the "handson" person in the Town office, and has handled all of the Town's daily operations. He stated the decision for management services is completely up to the Town Council.

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. stated it is a policy decision of the Town Council as to how the Town should be managed, which will ultimately dictate the scope of the contract for management services. He stated there is nothing that would prevent the Town Council from pursuing the RFP and exploring the concept of cooperation with the District or any other option. The Town Council has the right to reject all submissions, revoke the RFP at any time, or to limit the scope of services.

Town Clerk Lippman requested a motion to approve RFP 2009-003 and to direct Town Staff to publish and advertise the RFP as outlined in the Town's Procurement Code.

Councilman Jarriel made a motion to approve RFP 2009-003 and to direct Town Staff to publish and advertise the RFP as outlined in the Town's Procurement Code. Councilman Liang seconded the motion for discussion.

Councilman Liang stated he has spoken to Clete Saunier, LGWCD District Administrator regarding coordination with District Staff of the Town's administrative support services. Councilman Liang stated it would be a very good way to save the Town some money, and everyone on the District Staff and Town Staff is very competent. He is confident District Staff would be able to provide the support services required by the Town. However, if the Town Council should decide not to utilize District Staff, then the Council should look for a full-time staff, at least for the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk, and perhaps a semi-retired town administrator.

Town Clerk Lippman clarified there are three required positions: Town Manager (full-time), Town Clerk (full-time), and finance services. The Town Council could approach the entire package and work with the District, or request bids for a Town Manager, and use the support services of the Water Control District (Clerk and Finance), and enter an agreement with the District to provide those services.

Councilman Louda stated he is in favor of looking for a town contract management firm and stated he likes the current services provided by NCS. He does not want the Town to become too involved with the District. He asked, with regard to the District's financial duties, whether it includes a separate finance group, or someone that would be on staff full-time to handle the Town's budget.

Town Clerk Lippman explained that the District's current full-time bookkeeper (Carmen Geraine) would run the District's financials off of one software program, and run the Town's financials off of a separate software program. The Town's financials would have to be audited by the Town's audit firm. It would be one person that could handle both entities' financials. Right now, with the level of transactions and the level of interaction, NCS feels that could be done successfully.

Councilman Louda stated he would prefer to find a contract management firm that would retain Michelle Kantor. He does not want the Town to get in the position of having a Town employee. Mr. Lippman stated that is not the goal. He stated another option would be for the Water Control District to hire Ms. Kantor as a District employee. Councilman Louda stated he does not even want to consider that. He wants to keep the Town separate from the Water Control District. He stated the Town's budget should not be the purview of the District, and the District's budget should not be the purview of the Town. Councilman Liang noted the budget records are public record. Councilman Louda stated they may be public record, but they are not public control. He stated the two entities should remain amicable, continue to work together, but remain separate entities. He stated if the Town has to pay a management firm double the price of what it is paying NCS, that would be fine with him.

Town Clerk Lippman asked for confirmation that Councilman Louda is in favor of broadening the scope of the RFP to include all services provided by the current Town management firm. Councilman Louda replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Liang stated the option of utilizing the District to perform the Town's support services is just conceptual, and it is not definite that the District would like to perform such duties. He stated Town Manager Rosenbaum suggested this idea, and stated this would save the Town over \$100,000 per year.

Councilman Jarriel stated a management firm could potentially cost the Town \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year. He stated it was the recommendation of NCS that the Town consider utilizing the District Staff for its administrative services. He stated he would like to advertise for bids for a Town Manager, in an effort to compare cost estimates for a separate Town Manager versus the Water Control District. He stated he is not interested in hiring a regular management firm. He added that Ms. Kantor should be hired by the Water

Control District. He is confident that the District would handle the Town's administrative issues very well.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated he likes the idea of hiring a management firm. He stated on an interim basis, it would be wise for the Town to consider using District Staff for administrative services, as long as the Water Control District also agrees with this idea. He stated ultimately, the Town needs to have a management firm. However, in the event the Town and District merge, with the Town being the dominant force due to legislation, this may be a good start to evaluate how it would work out.

Councilman Louda stated Mr. Saunier is not qualified by the Town's Charter to serve as the Town Manager. Vice-Mayor Lipp and Councilman Jarriel disagreed.

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. stated the Town Council has the ability to interpret the Town's Charter, which specifies the required qualifications for a Town Manager. The Town Council would have to ensure that any action they take meets the language stipulated in the Town Charter.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Town Manager Rosenbaum whether he has discussed this scenario with Mr. Saunier. Dr. Rosenbaum replied in the affirmative and stated Mr. Saunier has indicated that he is very much interested in having the Water Control District assist the Town with its administrative services. Dr. Rosenbaum stated he thinks it would work very well on an interim basis.

Town Clerk Lippman stated it is his understanding that if the Town is looking for someone to fill the Town Manager position as outlined in the Town Charter, the Town Charter needs to specifically identify the qualifications. However, on an interim basis, if the Town Council needs someone for a short period of time, those particular criteria would not have to be met on an interim basis.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated the Town's management team does not have be an established management firm, it could be an individual. That individual could set up an LLC or Subchapter S and contract with the Town to provide services, which would include hiring Ms. Kantor and the necessary financial staff to handle the financial aspect of the Town.

Town Manager Rosenbaum stated there are several management firms located in Palm Beach County; and when the Town advertises for bids, the Town Council will receive several options from which to choose.

Councilman Jarriel asked whether the Town could specify that the winning bidder must hire Ms. Kantor as Town Clerk, or whether that would be the

decision of the winning bidder. Town Clerk Lippman replied that would be the decision of the winning bidder, and stated he would not recommend the Town require the winning bidder to hire Ms. Kantor directly.

Lung Chiu, 3270 "B" Road stated Dr. Rosenbaum made a good point that the new Town Manager would carry out the policies established by the Town Council. Mr. Chiu referred to the RFP Scope of Services, Item #1j., which states the Town Manager would "submit to the Council, and make available to the public, a complete report on finances and administrative activities of the Town as of the end of each fiscal year." Mr. Chiu stated the Town Council should hold the new Town Manager accountable to carry out the policies established by the Council. Mr. Chiu referred to the RFP, Section VI, "Award of Contract", which states, "The Town Council shall direct the Town Attorney to negotiate an employment agreement with the individual, firm, or consultant whose response is determined to be the most advantageous to the Town, taking into consideration the evaluation factors and criteria set forth in the Request for Qualifications." Mr. Chiu stated although the Town's legal counsel is very capable, this type of negotiation should be done by the Town The Council should appoint one Council Member to conduct negotiations of the contract, and then the Town Attorney would finalize the contract.

Vice-Mayor Lipp suggested adding a paragraph #11 to the RFP Scope of Work, under the heading "Town Manager Operational Responsibilities". This paragraph would be entitled "Performance Standards". This would allow the Town Council to establish the performance standards for the Town's management team. This would be at the agreement of the Town Council, and this could be an ongoing process. It is the duty of the Town Council, as the policy-setting government body, to establish these standards.

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. agreed that it would be a good idea to include performance standards in the RFP Scope of Work.

<u>Frank Schiola, 13434 Marcella Boulevard</u> stated the Town Council should not rush into locating a town management team. He stated Mr. Saunier indicated to him that he is ICMA-certified. Mr. Schiola stated if the Town Council chooses to work with the Water Control District staff to handle administrative services on an interim basis, the District should hire Ms. Kantor as a District employee. He stated the Town Council needs to keep its option open, and to take the necessary time to locate an adequate town management team.

Paul Reillo, 1222 "E" Road stated he is concerned about the comingling of the Town and the Water Control District. He stated it is his understanding that the Town and the Water Control District are still separate entities; he noted one advantage of using contract services is that an entity has the ability to terminate individuals if they do not work out well. Considering where the

Town currently is in its evolution, the Town Council has to be very careful not to be short-sighted. Interim decisions typically do not yield very much, and this is a transitional point where the Town has to make pivotal decisions for the long term. The RFP will allow the Town Council to see what resources are available, and to make decisions that would enable the Town to grow and function as a Town first. Perhaps the Town and District will merge in the future. However, working within the constraints of the entities as they are defined today, it is clear that the Town Council wants to be able to prevent potentially disastrous situations, and not to set things up for unanticipated potential pitfalls that might occur due to a short-term decision. In the design of the management system, the Town must preserve the integrity of the definition for which it was founded--the fact that the Town is its own entity, with its own ideals and its own mission. He stated this is more than a philosophical debate--it is making sure that the residents of Loxahatchee Groves are represented in their government. It is important for the Town Council to be able to control what it can.

<u>Bill Gurney</u>, 1453 "E" Road stated the Town Council needs to follow the direction suggested by the Town Attorney, which is that any individual or management firm that will serve as Town Manager must meet the Town's credentials, even on a temporary basis. Mr. Gurney stated that, considering the politics involving the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, having Mr. Saunier serve as Town Manager would be divisive, instead of bringing the community together. Mr. Gurney suggested the Town Council find an individual who is not so political in the community.

Patricia Johnson, 15409 Collecting Canal Road stated Mr. Saunier already has a full-time position as District Administrator, and does a very good job. She stated the responsibility of town management is also a full-time position. To combine the two positions would be overwhelming. She further stated she is surprised by the volume of work that is required to be done by the town management firm. She disagreed with a previous comment that the Town Council should negotiate the management contract. The Town would not be well-served by expecting the Town Council to negotiate the contract, and suggested the Town Attorney negotiate the contract, together with the guidance of the Town Council.

John Ryan, 3508 "A" Road stated the term "liaison" in the RFP category "Town Manager Operational Responsibilities" should be changed to indicate the Town Manager would manage and oversee said responsibilities. He stated some landowners think if the Town and the District work together to provide administrative services, it would become a permanent situation. He stated that is incorrect—the Town Council is trying to establish an RFP that is workable to the Town, which would allow the Town Council time to select a part-time Town Manager with much experience, establish a relationship with Ms. Kantor, and the ability to contract some services with the Water Control

District. Mr. Ryan stated he disagrees that the Town should pay any price for a management firm. He further stated there is a government-light approach for this Town, and the Town wants a quality job done. He stated the Town Council needs to work through this process and try to outline it to be as cost effective as possible.

Town Clerk Lippman stated he agrees with some of Mr. Ryan's comments. He referred to Item 1c. in the RFP under "Town Charter Description of Duties" which states, "Ensure that all laws, provisions of this Charter, and acts of the Council are faithfully executed." Mr. Lippman stated it would be a good idea to add the term "Town vision" to this sentence.

Mr. Lippman clarified his understanding of the following issues:

- (1) Councilman Louda would like the RFP's scope of services to be expanded to include the full level of services currently provided by NCS.
- (2) Councilman Jarriel has indicated that the Town Council should follow the RFP process, but also be prepared to coordinate the management effort with the Water Control District in the event the Town Council does not hire a town management team prior to the departure of NCS.
- (3) Councilman Liang agrees with Councilman Jarriel's comments.
- (4) Vice-Mayor Lipp prefers to hold off on advertising the RFP, and use the Water Control District for interim management services.

Vice-Mayor Lipp explained that the Town Council needs to proceed with the RFP, and in the event there are no candidates within the time frame that would be appropriate, then the Town should move forward with an agreement with the Water Control District to contract with the District to provide the services required by the Town. Vice-Mayor Lipp stated the contract with the District is not something he would like to see as a permanent situation, and would prefer the Town hires its own management team, and continue a good working relationship with the Water Control District as a functioning town.

Town Clerk Lippman stated there is currently a motion and a second on the floor to approve the RFP with the above-referenced revisions, and suggested the Town Council members vote on the motion at this time.

Councilman Liang asked whether the RFP would include a provision that the new management team retain Michelle Kantor as the Town Clerk. Town Manager Rosenbaum replied in the affirmative.

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. stated it would be acceptable to add a provision in the RFP that states the Town Council would prefer that the current Assistant Town Clerk, Michelle Kantor, remains as part of the management team in some capacity, and would request that any proposer explain how they could correlate that with their management system. Mr. Cirullo stated it is a policy decision of the Town Council whether they wish to include this provision as part of the RFP.

Councilman Liang stated he would like to explore all options. He noted another Council Member indicated he would like to have the District Staff handle the Town's administrative services, but not have Mr. Saunier serve as the Town Manager.

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. stated it should be clarified that, if the RFP is an all-encompassing RFP, the Town Council has the right to contract with the selected bidder for all or part of the services included in the RFP.

Councilman Louda stated some Council Members would prefer to work out an agreement with the Water Control District, but he does not. He stated he wants to see specifically what the District would be doing for the Town, including responsibilities and pricing. Town Attorney Mike Cirullo stated the Town Council could require the District to respond to the RFP.

Town Clerk Lippman clarified that the RFP is only for a Town Manager, and does not include clerical and financial services. This RFP was created with the understanding that the Town Council is looking for a town management firm to provide management services; the RFP does not include a Town Clerk or financial duties. The RFP has been written with the understanding that the Town Council is agreeable to working with the District on support services. Those duties are not included in this RFP.

Councilman Louda stated he does not like the aforementioned concept described by Town Clerk Lippman.

Councilman Liang asked whether the Town could establish an RFP that includes options 1, 2, and 3.

Town Clerk Lippman replied that the Town Clerk and financial duties of the Town could be included in the RFP, and proposers could bid on all three items.

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. stated a disclaimer could be included that states the Town Council reserves the right to contract for all or only portions of the services that are part of this RFP. It could also indicate that the Town Council has the right to reject all bids and rescind the RFP.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated it would be best to include all three positions (Town Manager, Town Clerk, Financial Management) in the scope of services of the RFP.

Vice-Mayor Lipp referred to the Town Management Resource Guide, under "Summary of Primary Weekly Operational Tasks", the second to last bullet point that states, "Coordination with Town Attorney's Office: Designate someone to interact and coordinate all matters with the Town Attorney's Office." Vice-Mayor Lipp stated he would like to see the phrase "all matters" deleted, and replaced with the phrase "as needed". Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. stated this change would be acceptable.

Vice-Mayor Lipp referred to the Town Management Resource Guide, Item #VII entitled "Financial". He stated he would like to include language that specifies coordination with the Finance Advisory Committee.

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. asked the Town Council whether they would like to include a provision in the RFP that specifies Michelle Kantor be retained as part of the Town's management team. Councilman Louda stated he would like to have it indicate this is a preference, not a requirement. **The Council agreed.**

Councilman Jarriel made a motion to approve RFP 2009-003 to include all encompassing RFP services, together with the changes to the RFP as discussed. Councilman Liang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

13. April 2009 Town Financials

Town Clerk Lippman stated within thirty (30) days of the end of the previous month, Town Staff will present the Town's financial reports for Town Council approval. Mr. Lippman requested a motion to approve the April 2009 Town financial reports.

Councilman Liang stated he found some inconsistencies in the Town's financial reports, and asked Mr. Lung Chiu to describe those inconsistencies.

<u>Lung Chiu, 3270 "B" Road</u> stated he noticed some inconsistencies in the year-to-date formulas. Mr. Chiu stated he would like the Finance Advisory Committee to assist the Town Manager with the financial reports.

Councilman Jarriel commented about the "Special Magistrate" line item, under the heading of Planning and Zoning (page 54 of 84).

Vice-Mayor Lipp commented about the "Checking Account-Riverside Bank" line item (page 56 of 84) and about the "Current Balance" line item on page

59 of 84. Vice-Mayor Lipp stated he agrees with Mr. Chiu that this issue should be the first task for the Finance Advisory Committee. He stated there was a difference of \$71,000 between the year-to-date figures for March 2009 and April 2009. He stated he would like to have the financial reports corrected accordingly.

Councilman Jarriel commented about Calvin-Giordano's trip to Tallahassee to the Department of Community Affairs, and asked whether representatives from Calvin-Giordano flew or drove to Tallahassee. Town Clerk Lippman replied that they flew to Tallahassee, which was approved by the Town Council.

Councilman Jarriel made a motion to authorize the Finance Advisory Committee to meet with Town Clerk Lippman to revise the April 2009 Town Financials, as discussed. Councilman Liang seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1 (Councilman Louda voted against).

Town Clerk Lippman indicated this item is on the agenda for the first meeting of the Finance Advisory Committee.

14. Fireworks Safety Information for July 4, 2009

Town Clerk Lippman stated at the March 3, 2009 Town Council meeting, the Town Council authorized the expenditure of up to \$750.00 for the printing of a mailer and signs relating to the laws and safety of fireworks. With July 4th being one month away, Councilman Louda requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Town Clerk Lippman stated Town Staff will create a one-page flyer to be mailed to all residents and landowners by the second week of June 2009. The remaining \$250.00 will be used either for one large banner or smaller signs to be placed throughout the Loxahatchee Groves community.

Councilman Louda made a motion to increase the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 for fireworks safety (\$750.00 for signs, \$750.00 for deputies). Councilman Liang seconded the motion for discussion.

Councilman Louda stated he would like to see some monies allocated to obtain additional Sheriff's deputies. The Town should also send a one-page flyer to all residents in the community during the third week of June 2009. In addition, a large banner and several small signs should be placed throughout the community to educate the landowners about fireworks laws and safety.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Mr. Lippman whether there is money budgeted for these signs, and Mr. Lippman replied in the affirmative. He stated he

envisions small, colorful signs, similar to political campaign signs, that can easily be placed in the ground.

Councilman Liang stated it might be difficult for deputies to locate the properties that are setting off fireworks, and therefore it would be difficult for the deputies to enforce the laws regarding fireworks.

Councilman Jarriel agreed that the Town Council should spend up to \$1,500.00 to educate the community about fireworks safety. However, he is not in favor of spending \$750.00 on a flyer to educate landowners. The money would be better spent on additional deputies.

Vice-Mayor Lipp summarized that the Town Council is voting on the expenditure of \$750.00 to be used for educational purposes (signs, flyers), and \$750.00 to be used for additional deputies. Town Clerk Lippman replied in the affirmative.

<u>Frank Schiola, 13434 Marcella Boulevard</u> stated the flyer should advise the residents that there will be extra patrol officers throughout the Town on the night of July 4th.

Paul Reillo, 1222 "E" Road stated damage from fireworks throughout the state is immeasurable. The law is very clear—no aerial or exploding fireworks. He expects the Town Council to expend every effort possible to enforce the laws on fireworks. Flyers would not be effective. He would like to see signs placed throughout the community. He would be willing to represent the Town in any action, and is willing to match the Town's efforts dollar-for-dollar, as a publicly-supported non-profit organization. He would like to see a conspicuous presence of deputies in addition to educational signs placed throughout the Loxahatchee Groves community.

<u>John Ryan, 3508 "A" Road</u> stated a flyer would be a waste of time and money. He would like to see large conspicuous signs, and the use of additional deputies.

<u>Julie Williams, 15301 San Diego Drive</u> stated she is a Deputy Sheriff with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. She stated, while the Sheriff's Office tries to enforce fireworks laws, there are several other high-priority calls that deputies must address. Therefore, it is difficult to enforce the fireworks laws.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Paul Reillo to explain his proposal to match the Town's funds for fireworks safety and education.

<u>Paul Reillo, 1222 "E" Road</u> explained that his organization is a publicly-supported charity. He suggested the Town make the initial investment, then he could campaign to generate funds the next time. He stated the equestrian

community alone, knowing their contributions are tax-deductible to a charity on behalf of a cause like this, could be restricted 100 percent to signage and patrols, which he would be happy to allocate on the Town's behalf. He stated that is one of the benefits of partnerships between charities and Towns. He stated he discovered during a meeting with the County, County Attorneys, and Fire-Rescue, that this is where the Town needs to take the first step. The Town has to take as strong a position as possible and pursue this issue to see what type of response it receives. If the Town is aggressive, there would be a very positive response. Once the Town establishes a budget for signs and deputies, then an estimated cost is established. He could then represent that figure to governors and grantors—this would be an easy thing to pay for because there are several people who are willing to help.

Councilman Louda stated there should be at least eight (8) signs placed throughout the community.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated it would be better to install the signs, and not mail the flyer.

Town Clerk Lippman stated it is his understanding that the motion approves \$1,500.00 to be allocated for signs and additional deputies. Vice-Mayor Lipp replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Jarriel asked Mr. Reillo to coordinate his efforts with Town Clerk Lippman, and Mr. Reillo agreed.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Mr. Lippman to clarify the motion. Mr. Lippman stated Councilman Louda made a motion, and Councilman Liang seconded, to increase the expenditure for July 4 from \$750.00 to \$1,500.00, which specifically includes signage for the community as well as a minimum of two extra deputies for the night of July 4th.

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

15. <u>Intergovernmental Coordination Meeting Report (May 22, 2009 IGC</u> Committee Meeting) by Councilman Liang

Town Clerk Lippman stated Councilman Liang represented the Town at the May 22, 2009 Intergovernmental Coordination Committee meeting with Dr. Irv Rosenbaum (Town Manager), Clete Saunier (LGWCD District Administrator), and Robert Snowball (LGWCD Board Member). Vice-Chair Don Widing will be the LGWCD representative at the next IGC Committee meeting on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 2:00 PM.

Councilman Liang stated the IGC Committee meeting went very well. The two key topics of discussion were (1) equestrian trails and (2) Town management services by the Water Control District.

Town Manager Irv Rosenbaum reported that the Town and District continue to work very well together, and the IGC Committee is working out very well. The Town and District have built a very good team.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Dr. Rosenbaum if there was anything in particular he would like to mention about the IGC Committee meeting. Dr. Rosenbaum stated the substantive item discussed at the meeting was the transition of the Town's management services by the Water Control District.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked about the ILA between the Town and District for the expenditure of gas tax revenues. Town Clerk Lippman replied it is his understanding that the draft ILA was presented to the District's Counsel on May 21, 2009. He stated the Town is currently waiting on comments from the District's Counsel.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Town Clerk Lippman to provide an update regarding the North Road Canal / 40th Street North easement issue.

Mr. Lippman explained that Mr. Saunier is currently working directly with the affected landowners and is trying to obtain responses from their respective title companies. Once the District has obtained collective data of all the easements (recorded and non-recorded), a second workshop meeting will be scheduled. After the Town Council receives more specific information from Mr. Saunier, it will have to make some policy decisions to advise the District how the Town Council would like to proceed.

Councilman Louda stated the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors need input from the equestrian community as to what they would like to see in an equestrian trail.

Councilman Louda stated at the last IGC Committee meeting he attended, he brought up the subject of bio-diesel fuel. He asked Councilman Liang to suggest (at the next IGC Committee meeting) that the District consider making its own bio-diesel fuel.

Vice-Mayor Lipp asked Councilman Louda to provide a five-year cost benefit analysis on bio-diesel fuel. Councilman Louda agreed.

There were no comments by the public on this item.

No motion was necessary. No action was taken.

16. 2009-2010 Budget Timeline

Town Clerk Matthew Lippman stated Town Staff is beginning the process of drafting a preliminary budget for FY 2009-2010 for discussion by the Town Council. Town Staff would like to meet with each Council Member individually over the next ten (10) days to review the budget process and obtain feedback and direction from the Council Members.

The timeline for the FY 2009-2010 budget process is as follows:

Tuesday, June 16, 2009	Distribute rough draft of 2009-2010 budget. Town Council can discuss and provide feedback to incorporate into a second draft.
Tuesday, July 7, 2009	Distribute second draft of 2009-2010 budget. Town Council can discuss and provide feedback to incorporate into a third draft.
Tuesday, July 21, 2009	Discuss third draft of 2009-2010 budget to determine maximum millage rate the Town will assess for the 2009 TRIM notices.
Wednesday, July 22, 2009	Return the complete Preliminary Certification of Taxable Value form (DR420) to Palm Beach County incorporating approved maximum millage rate.
Wednesday, July 22, 2009	First and second budget public hearing dates must be set and communicated to Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office.

There were no comments by the public on this item.

No motion was necessary. No action was taken.

17. Public Comments

Frank Schiola, 13434 Marcella Boulevard stated the following: "Since I came out as the Town Monitor, I have addressed five complaints. Four of them were resolved with complete satisfaction of the complainant; the fifth one was a pile that was not in compliance with the contract. I explained the rules that

the person needed to follow, and he agreed to that, so his pile should be ready to be picked up tomorrow.

The second thing is our Emergency Management Plan and our Debris Management Plan. I believe Matthew told me, and he could correct me if I am wrong, that we have those in place, and I think we need to go ahead and discuss these, then do a night-time meeting during the week. It should not take that long, but we have people in this Town that are very well-versed with emergency management plans. We are in hurricane season and we need to be on the same page. We hope that we never have to use these, but if we have to, we need to know that we have to write a response to that. I was talking with Pat Johnson about this, and she is head of the CERT Team. It is important that the CERT Team and others sit down—I have personally been in three hurricanes and I have found that the emergency management plan that our city had for the first hurricane really did not work out too well, and we were able to change it within a couple days, and then we had another hurricane a week later. Now our plan is in place and it works well, and we also have some other people in this Town that are very well-versed in emergency management plans who have been through hurricanes also. So we need to sit down and at least spend an hour to an hour and a half with this. I know the Town Council members want to be assured that this plan is a good working plan and that we have enough people to cover what needs to be covered, particularly liaisons with the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, FP&L, people of that nature. Even if we get a Category One or Two, we have all been through that, but anything higher than that, we are looking at destructive winds, damages to houses and all that, and it may be to the point where we could have an Andrew coming through here. I hope I never see that, I hope I do not live to see that, because I did see it down in Dade County, and it was total another destruction and devastation, to the point to where the firefighters at one of the fire stations came out shell-shocked. They were just so happy to see another fire department from Belle Glade show up down there, and this was back before we had all these plans in place and things like that, so we all learned from that.

I was on the website yesterday for grants.gov, it is the Federal Government website; there is one grant that I looked at. It is the grant that reoccurs every year. The window of opportunity is only 30 days and we have already been past the 30-day window for this, but it gives us a rural urban interface for wildfires. What the government does, it supplies us with fire hydrants, and they could pay 100 percent of the cost of fire hydrants throughout the Town. I talked with a gentleman from the Department of Interior, and he told me that we need to work with our local Forestry Department, and we need to have a wildfire plan in place which is the Firewise Program, but we also need to have a wildfire plan in place with the Department of Interior in order to qualify for this grant. He did "Google" us while I was talking to him, and he said you actually could probably get what you are looking for as far as fire hydrants

and they would probably pay 100 percent of the cost because he said you guys do actually qualify for this. So this is something we need to work on for next year, and we need to get with the Forestry Department and the Fire Department and with a grant writer to go ahead and try to get this grant. This could amount to a million dollars in grants just if we did all the fire hydrants here, and I can tell you right now that this would save each of us about \$1,500 or \$2,000 a year just on our homeowners' insurance. Thank you."

There were no other public comments.

18. Town Manager and Town Clerk Comments

Town Clerk Matthew Lippman stated he looks forward to working with the new members of the Finance Advisory Committee, as well as the Environmental Group. He stated he will contact them within the next few days to schedule meetings. He stated he has met with members of the CERT Team approximately 12 times within the past six months. The CERT Team has reviewed the Town's manual, and Mr. Lippman has reviewed their manual. The CERT Team's manual is a part of the Town's manual. The CERT team has provided some valuable feedback during the meetings.

Mr. Lippman stated he has also met with Calvin-Giordano, the firm that is performing the Town's debris monitoring, to obtain their feedback and their review of the Town's manual as well.

Mr. Lippman stated he will be meeting on June 10, 2009 with representatives from Ashbritt, Calvin-Giordano, the Town's CERT Team, and Clete Saunier to discuss the emergency management plan for the Town, how it coordinates with the District, and to finalize everything leading to the hurricane season. He stated this is already in place, and he will report the results at the next Town Council meeting.

Town Manager Irv Rosenbaum had no comments.

19. Town Attorney Comments

Town Attorney Mike Cirullo, Jr. stated the Town Council conducted what was called an executive attorney-client discussion which is provided under the Florida Statutes to allow the Town Council as a whole to meet with him as the Town Attorney to discuss the pending administrative case that has been filed regarding the Town's Comp Plan by Callery-Judge Groves and the Seminole Improvement District. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Town Council directed the Town's Attorney to initiate contact with the Petitioners to discuss the potential for resolving that case without the necessity of going through the extensive hearing process. Mr. Cirullo stated the private part of that meeting was transcribed by a court reporter. The Town is required to retain a copy of

that recording, and will keep it sealed until the conclusion of the administrative hearing, at which time it will become a public record and can be reviewed by anybody. That is why this type of meeting is commonly referred to as a "shade session". It is the opposite of the Sunshine Law (where the Town Council would meet in the open).

20. Town Council Member Comments

Councilman Louda stated that he recently met with Clete Saunier, Matthew Lippman, and Bevin Beaudet (Director of Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department) to discuss the possible use of re-claimed water, and to consider creating a filter marsh. He stated, regarding Waste Pro, if a resident has a complaint, they should either contact Waste Pro directly, or call the Town office; then the Town could contact Waste Pro. He stated he is pleased that the IGC Committee meetings are working out very well, and expressed his concern about the Town's interim transition.

Councilman Liang stated he would like to save the Town some money by volunteering to assist in the grant-writing process for future grants. **The Council agreed**. Town Clerk Lippman stated he will place this on the next Town Council meeting agenda for discussion.

<u>Councilman Louda</u> stated he would like to be involved with environmental grants. **The Council agreed.**

<u>Councilman Jarriel</u> stated he likes the idea of Councilman Liang becoming involved with a grant-writing committee, and stated a grant-writing committee would be an excellent benefit to the Town. In closing, Councilman Jarriel thanked the audience for attending tonight's meeting.

<u>Vice-Mayor Lipp</u> stated he was recently appointed by the Palm Beach County League of Cities to the Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force. He stated he will not be able to attend the next meeting on Friday, June 5, 2009 and asked the Council Members if they would like to replace him at that meeting. He stated the meeting will be held at 11:00 AM in the Coconut Creek Community Center on Lyons Road in Coconut Creek. Councilman Louda volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of Vice-Mayor Lipp.

Vice-Mayor Lipp stated the Water Resources Task Force is now coordinating with Broward County to discuss the C-51 Canal Basin. He stated Loxahatchee Groves is unique because it is a water donor because the District's canal water levels are higher than those of surrounding communities. Vice-Mayor Lipp stated Clete Saunier (LGWCD District Administrator) was appointed to the investigative team of the Water Resources Task Force, but will also be unable to attend the next meeting on Friday, June 5, 2009.

21. Adjournment

Councilman Louda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Liang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

There being no further discussion by the Town Council and no further public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

MAYOR DAVE BROWNING.

ATTEST:

Matthew Lippman, Town Clerk

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